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FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN FORWARDED
TO STATE DEPT, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE, AND JRC.

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"1. BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE SPECIAL CAMERA
BEING UTILIZED IN [REDACTED] OPERATION SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE
BEEN COORDINATED WITH GENERAL HARKINS, AT SAIGON, VIA [REDACTED]
CHANNELS, FOR HELICOPTER RECOVERY OF PILOT AND CAMERA IN THE
EVENT OF FORCED LANDING IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

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2. GENERAL HARKINS' STAFF HAS POSED THE QUESTION OF
RECOVERY ATTEMPT ACROSS LAOTIAN OR CAMBODIAN BORDERS, IF
SO, SPECIAL AUTHORITY IS DESIRED. [REDACTED] IS REPLYING THAT PRESENT
EXISTING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT WILL APPLY TO OPERATION [REDACTED]
IF DOD OR STATE HAS OTHER OPINIONS PLS ADVISE IMMEDIATE. FIRST
OPERATION SCHEDULED FOR TAKEOFF APPROX 1800 HRS EST, 25 DEC."

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END OF MESSAGE

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